

22, peripheral rim 36 is removed from within groove 48, thereby disrupting, e.g., breaking, the hermetic seal formed at the interface between peripheral wall 34 and peripheral wall 44. As cover piece 24 is disengaged from base piece 26, another audible sound is emitted, indicating the hermetic seal has been broken. As hinge 28 unfolds, cover piece 24 is further pivotally moved in a direction away from base piece 26. The terms air-tight and hermetic, as used in this application, refer to an essentially non-leaking seal formed at atmospheric pressure. The air-tight seal can preferably pass a loss-in-weight test when the case contains color-fast makeup.

It is understood that the above description is of preferred exemplary embodiments of the present invention. The invention is not limited to the precise details and conditions disclosed. For example, the shape of the described compact is quadrangular. However, other geometries, such as, circular, oval, hexagonal, and so forth, can also be used. Although specific dimensions were given for aspects of the integral two-piece insert, other dimensions can be used complementary to fit any sized compact. Various modifications may be made to the details of the disclosure without departing from the spirit of the invention, which is defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A makeup container, the container comprising:
 - a cover piece having a first interface, the first interface having a first periphery; and
 - a base piece for holding a cosmetic substance, the base piece having a second interface, the second interface having a second periphery corresponding to the first periphery, wherein the first interface and the second interface provide a hermetic seal when the cover piece is closed with respect to the base piece, wherein the seal is comprised of a groove associated with the one of first interface or the second interface and a peripheral rim associated with the other of the first interface or the second interface.
2. The makeup container of claim 1, wherein the groove is defined by a peripheral wall and the peripheral edge of the peripheral rim being received between the first periphery and the peripheral wall.
3. The makeup container of claim 2, wherein the first periphery includes a bulge.
4. The makeup container of claim 3, wherein the first periphery and the second periphery are circular.
5. The makeup container of claim 1, further comprising:
 - an outer body coupled about the cover piece and the base piece, wherein the outer body includes a cavity, the cavity allowing expansion of the cover piece or the base piece.
6. The makeup container of claim 5, wherein the cavity is large enough to allow expansion during loss-in-weight tests.
7. The makeup container of claim 6, wherein the first piece and the second piece are integral and joined by a living hinge.
8. A compact for containing a cosmetic substance with an air-tight seal, the compact comprising:
 - a first section; and
 - a second section, the first section engaging the second section to form the air-tight seal, the air-tight seal maintaining the first section in a closed position with respect to the second section.
9. The compact of claim 8, wherein the compact makes an audible sound indicating the air-tight seal is established when the first section engages the second section.

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10. The compact of claim 9, wherein the first section has a first circular cavity, the circular cavity having a first peripheral wall, wherein the second section has a second peripheral wall, the second peripheral wall sliding between the first peripheral wall and an edge of the first circular cavity to form the seal.

11. The compact of claim 10, wherein the peripheral wall includes a lip.

12. The compact of claim 11, wherein the lip extends away from an outside surface of the rim.

13. The compact of claim 10, wherein the second section has a second circular cavity for holding the cosmetic substance, the second circular cavity being defined by the second peripheral wall.

14. A makeup case for holding a cosmetic substance, the case including a cover and a base, the base including makeup, the cover being movable to an upper, open position and to a lower, closed position, an improvement comprising:

a hermetic seal when the cover is in the lower, closed position, whereby the seal maintains the cover in a closed position.

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15. The makeup case of claim 14, wherein the seal is comprised of a groove associated with the cover and a peripheral rim associated with the base, the rim being received in the groove when the cover is closed.

5 16. The makeup case of claim 15, wherein the improvement makes an audible sound when the cover is brought to the closed position.

10 17. The makeup case of claim 16, wherein the improvement makes another audible sound when the cover is brought to the upper position from the closed position.

18. The makeup case of claim 15, wherein the groove includes a first peripheral wall and an edge.

15 19. The makeup case of claim 18, wherein all components associated with the seal are integral the base and the cover.

20. The makeup case of claim 19, wherein the first peripheral wall is shorter than the edge.

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